



S.A.F.E.R. HORSEMANSHIP

Free Barn Safety Checklist & Preparedness Resource

A safer environment creates stronger partnerships between horses and humans.

Use this checklist to help support safer, more structured, and more prepared equestrian environments.

DAILY SAFETY CHECKS

- Barn aisles clear of clutter and trip hazards
- Emergency exits accessible and clearly marked
- Gates and stall latches functioning properly
- Fencing secure and free of dangerous damage
- Arena footing inspected for hazards

HORSE SAFETY & WELFARE

- Horses visually checked for injury or illness
- Water buckets/troughs clean and filled
- Safe turnout assignments confirmed
- Signs of stress or discomfort documented
- Equipment safely fitted

RIDER & VISITOR SAFETY

- Helmet availability confirmed
- Safety signage visible
- Restricted areas clearly marked
- Parent supervision guidelines posted
- Visitor walkways free of hazards

LESSON & PROGRAM SAFETY

- Tack inspected before use
- Lesson horses appropriately matched
- Emergency contacts accessible
- First aid kits stocked and available
- Staff aware of emergency procedures

FIRE & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Fire extinguishers inspected
- Emergency numbers posted
- Evacuation routes identified
- Incident reporting logs maintained
- Trailer access maintained

ANNUAL REVIEW ITEMS

- Update emergency contacts
- Review liability signage placement
- Conduct full facility walkthrough
- Review horse handling protocols
- Update staff & volunteer orientation

S.A.F.E.R. stands for:

Safe • Achievable • Fun • Effective • Respectful

Safety is not about fear — it is about awareness, preparation, communication, and respect.

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